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NON RESIDENT INDIAN LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Resident Indian (NRI) labourers in the world;

(b) whether these NRI labourers are facing a lot of difficulties for want of supporting documents;

(c) the number of complaints received in this regard during the last three years and thereafter; and

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a):Data on the number of Non-Resident Indian(NRI) labourers in the world is not maintained. However, the High level Committee on Indian Diaspora under the Chairmanship of Dr. L.M. Singhvi had estimated that there are three million NRIs in the Gulf region alone.

(b):Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d):Such specific data is not maintained. However, complaints received are enquired into and, if necessary, show-cause notices issued to the concerned recruiting agents. If they fail to furnish satisfactory replies, their registration certificates are suspended and even cancelled. The Protector-General of Emigrants also holds public hearings twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays for hearing complaints/grievances between 11.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.